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AMERICAN ATOM BOMB SPIES TO DIE

New York, Apr. 5.

A man and a woman who stole America's atom bomb secret for Soviet Russia and "altered the course of history," were sentenced on Thursday to death in the electric chair.

Federal Judge Irving Kaufman ruled that Julius Rosenberg, 32, an electrical engineer, and his tiny wife Ethel, 35, would have to pay the supreme penalty for a "crime worse than murder" — that has already caused Communist aggression in Korea.

The judge let their co-conspirator, Morton Sobell, 34, an electronic engineer, off with his life, but imposed the maximum prison term permissible under the espionage law—30 years.

The fourth member of the conspiracy, Mrs. Rosenberg's brother, David Greenglass, 29, will be sentenced on Friday. He was the government's chief witness against his sister and her husband, and United States District Attorney Irving Saypol was expected to recommend leniency. Saypol made no recommendation for the other three defendants.

Widespread investigation of the successful Russian espionage began when Dr. Klaus Fuchs, a British atomic scientist, was arrested in Britain. Dr. Fuchs himself got off with a 14-year prison sentence, the maximum penalty for peacetime espionage under British law.

Harry Gold, a Philadelphia biochemist who functioned as courier for the spy ring that permitted the Russians to make the atomic bomb at least three years earlier than they could have on their own, is serving a 30-year sentence.

WORSE THAN MURDER

Judge Kaufman summoned the Rosenbergs—parents of two small children—before the bar first and addressed them in grave, measured tones. He said their crime was worse than murder.

The Rosenbergs took their sentence without flinching, but Mrs. Rosenberg's face, without makeup, was ashen.

Both were born in New York's Lower East Side tenement district of immigrant parents.

Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs, announced he would immediately appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals of New York and if that fails to the United States Supreme Court. He said: "No matter what the outcome, they will assert their innocence as long as they breathe. They believe they are victims of political hysteria and that the sentence of the court, based on extremely political considerations, has no legitimate connection with the crime charged."

Sobell's attorney, Harold Phillips, said: "The sentence seemed to me to be much too severe even if all statements made against him were in every way true. The viewpoint of the judge was understandable, and I am convinced his motives were of the best."

The Rosenbergs were sentenced under the Federal Espionage Law, which permits the death penalty only if espionage is committed during war time.

NOTE FOR CONGRESS

In passing sentence, Judge Kaufman noted that the maximum penalty for espionage during peace-time was 20 years imprisonment. He said: "I ask that some thought be given to that for a moment, for it most likely means that three if spies are successful in the year 1951 in delivering to Russia or any foreign power our secrets concerning newer types of atomic bombs or even the H-bomb, the maximum punishment any court could impose in that situation would be 20 years. I therefore say it is time for Congress to re-examine the provisions of the espionage statute."

The Rosenbergs refused to testify during the trial whether they were Communists on grounds of self-incrimination, but Judge Kaufman left no doubt that their betrayal of their native country had been inspired by devotion to Communism and Soviet Russia.

He said the betrayal was "rather sordid, dirty work—whatever the idealistic rationalizations of the persons who engaged in it—with this one paramount theme: the betrayal of one's own country. Citizens of this country who betray their fellow countrymen can be under no delusion concerning the aims of the Soviet Union that they might have been under prior to World War II. The nature of Russian terrorism is now self-evident." — United Press.

The 1951 Lady Godiva



London actress, Miss Ann Wrigg, 27, of Long Acre, has been selected to play the part of Lady Godiva in Coventry's Festival of Britain pageant. Formerly a student of languages and history, she gave up her studies to go on the stage and films. Photo shows Miss Wrigg after her official selection as Lady Godiva.

MPs Supporting Compensation Claims By British POWs

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Apr. 5.

Strong Parliamentary support is guaranteed for the campaign, sponsored by the National Committee of Returned British Prisoners of War Association, to have their claim for compensation against Japan included in the terms of any peace treaty with that country.

They also want compensation for all ex-civilian internees who were in the hands of the Japanese.

An All-Party Sub-Committee of MPs is now actively preparing proposals to place before the Government.

Discussion is on the basis of three shillings compensation for every day spent by a prisoner in Japanese hands. If this claim is met in full it would cost the Japanese between £9 millions and £10 millions.

SUPPORT GROWS
Lieut-General A. E. Percival, commander of the Singapore Garrison up to its fall in 1942

and himself a prisoner in Japanese hands for three and a half years, told me today that the campaign now has the support of large numbers of MPs of all parties. Successful meetings had been held and the support was growing daily.

General Percival did not think that the Committee would demand payment of compensation should be a precondition to British approval of any peace treaty, but they would press most strenuously for their claim to be included in the peace terms as reparations against the Japanese.

He emphasised that the Committee was demanding this payment from the Japs and not from the British Government.

But the view that the British Government should take the attitude, "No compensation, no peace treaty" is held by many ex-POWs. This view is put by Mr Peter Bailey, prospective Conservative candidate for the Kettering Division, in a letter to the Daily Telegraph this morning. He points out that deaths among prisoners in Japanese hands were 27 per cent compared with four per cent in other theatres of war. He recalls that the United States have already paid over 20,000 claims of US\$1 a day from the proceeds of confiscated Japanese property, and that Australia is "taking" similar steps.

"What's happened," he asks, "to the money received from the sale of railways and airstrips built by British slave labour?" Before the signing of a treaty, the British Government should hold a full inquiry into these claims, he says, for failure to claim compensation is not only an injustice but will cause Britain to lose face in the eyes of Japan. —(London Express Service)

Churchill To Call On Truman

Washington, Apr. 5. President Truman today emphatically denied the reports that he has planned a visit to Paris this year to return President Auriol's visit to America. He said he could not think of leaving the United States at the present time. President Truman also disclosed that Winston Churchill would visit him during his visit to America next month.

New Effort To Find Korea Peace Formula

ARAB-ASIAN NATIONS HOLD CONFERENCE

Lake Success, Apr. 5.

The Arab-Asian bloc of the United Nations met today to begin hammering out a new peace approach to Peking amid reports that the Chinese Communists might now be ready to talk terms.

The Philippines rejoined the secret council of 12 Arab and Asian nations which had sought unsuccessfully last autumn to end the Korean war. The Philippines originally was represented but walked out last year when the other countries sought to arrange a Far Eastern conference in which Communist China would have a major voice.

Representatives of 13 nations met at the Manhattan apartment of the chief Indian delegate, Sir Benegal Rau, for two hours. After the meeting, Mr Rajeshwar Dayal, deputy chief of the Indian mission, told reporters: "We came to exchange notes... some people have heard certain things and they came to talk about them."

This was an obvious reference to reports that the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, and perhaps other diplomats as well, had received intimations from Peking that the Chinese Reds might now be open to a peace approach.

Mr Dayal said the morning's conversation was general and no definite trend of thinking on the form of a new peace approach to Peking had emerged. However, it was definite that the diplomats did not discuss Representative Sam Rayburn's warning that not all the troops massing in Manchuria were Chinese Communists. Nor did they say anything about the British Intelligence report that Russia has given 3,000 planes to the Chinese Reds for an expected spring offensive or about the report that General MacArthur had been given authority to strike at Chinese Communist bases under the terms of the Geneva convention and civilised warfare.

The 13-nation group will meet again in the afternoon. The reason for two meetings today was that Sir Benegal led or in last year's unsuccessful peace offensive, planned to leave on Friday to enter the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Meetings may continue in his absence.

A reporter remarked today that the Arab-Asian peace group was "back in business" because Mahmud Fawzi Bey, chief of the Egyptian delegation, said, "We never went out of business." —United Press.

DARING THRUST BY US TROOPS

Tokyo, Apr. 6.

Allied forces rammed deeply north of the old South Korean border on a broad front yesterday (Thursday) to call the Chinese hand on the Reds' expected massive spring offensive.

One American armoured column stabbed nearly eight miles north of Parallel 38 along the main highway towards the Red assembly point of Kumhwa in the West Central sector. Resistance was light to heavy.

This task force reached Chail, about 15 air miles southwest of Kumhwa. It was the most daring penetration since UN forces rebounded in January from a general withdrawal.

The Chinese and Korean Reds have bunched an estimated 800,000 on the Western and Central Fronts for a new major drive expected to start during the rainy season this month.

The American thrust up the road towards Kumhwa was coordinated with a general advance on the central front above Chunchon. Associated Press correspondent William C. Barnard reported the Allies were across the old political boundary in force.

"Chinese Communists hurried machinegun, mortar and small arms fire in an effort to stem the southern advance," Barnard reported. —Associated Press.

Singapore's New Export Regulations

Singapore, Apr. 5. Exports from the Federation of Malaya to everywhere except Britain, Canada, all Commonwealth countries in the sterling area, Eire and America after April 9, will be allowed only under special export licences.

Such licences will require a special application and official approval.

Announcing this today, the Malayan Government said that no alteration in the licensing procedure is envisaged for Singapore. The Governments of Malaya and Singapore had been informed that the British Government had taken steps to exercise destination control over rubber exports.

This was "to prevent unduly large quantities being sent to any country so that insufficient supplies would be available for the United Kingdom and other friendly countries," it stated.

Good Meal Helped The Talk

Big Four Deputies Nearer Agreement

Paris, Apr. 5. The Big Four Deputies are closer to an agreement than at any time since the agenda talks began weeks ago, a Western Embassy official said tonight.

He added, however, that there are still some wide gaps to be filled.

At noon the Western delegates went to have lunch with Andrei Gromyko in the Russian Embassy. Four and three-quarter hours later they turned, their usual formal meeting abandoned.

Recalling at least two other luncheons that brought progress, one observer suggested that a good meal before evening meeting might be a good idea. An authoritative source said the four Deputies and the aides covered a great deal of ground. But another warned: "I do not think it would be wise to expect that any progress was made."

The Western powers and Russia are not too far apart on several vital issues which both sides feel the Foreign Ministers should discuss.

Both sides have been making what each described as concessions on minor points for two weeks now. However, they are many subjects on which they continue to be miles apart. Rearming Western Germany, for instance, is still the big issue.

The West says Germany's rearmament is important to Western defence.

Russia says Germany's rearmament will increase world tension. —Associated Press.

SALARY CUT RESTORED

Paris, Apr. 5. The French National Assembly today restored a cut in the salary of M. Francois Mitterrand, Minister for French Overseas Territories, and he withdrew his resignation. He had resigned last night when the National Assembly voted a symbolic cut of 1,000 francs in his salary. But by a special vote today, the Assembly restored the cut and M. Mitterrand withdrew his resignation.

The Assembly was debating the estimates for the Overseas Ministry. M. Mitterrand had rejected deputies' criticisms of the salary followed by the French High Commissioner for West Africa, M. Paul Bechard. —Reuter.

BOAT TRAIN HITS BUFFERS

London, Apr. 5. Eleven people were taken to hospital after the boat train from Newhaven, bringing passengers from Paris, had struck the buffers at Victoria station here tonight.

The 11 passengers were discharged from hospital after treatment. Some of them had been on their feet reaching for their luggage from the rack as the collision occurred. —Reuter.



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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Disturbing Warnings

THREE disturbing announcements have come from Washington during the past 24 hours. The first, attributed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, estimated that between six and eight hundred warplanes have been massed at strategic bases in Manchuria. The second, from the lips of Mr Sam Rayburn, a prominent Congressman, warned that large military forces, other than Chinese, were assembling in Manchuria. The third, a statement by President Truman that he believes the danger of World War III is as great today as at any time since 1945. The natural assumption is that these observations are based on reliable intelligence information and are, therefore, not lightly to be disregarded. Nevertheless, it is recalled that American intelligence in Korea has not been brilliantly accurate and the suspicion lurks that the prime intention of issuing these warnings at this time is to rally congressional support for policies of Mr Truman's Administration. Simultaneously with these disconcerting warnings it is revealed that General MacArthur has been given a directive to attack Manchurian air bases if the Chinese Communists take to the air in full force, while MacArthur himself, through the pen of Lt-General Martin, the Daily Telegraph military correspondent, complains of interference with his Korean campaign by politicians, and asserts that he is satisfied he could bomb and blockade Chinese lines of communications without bringing Russia fully into the conflict. There is no difficulty in feeling some sympathy for MacArthur in his

present dilemma. As a commander of combatant forces whose tactics and strategy have to be circumscribed by political considerations, he has had placed on him a frustrating task. Not without point does he observe that for the first time in his military career he feels himself to be in a war without a definite object. But while it is possible to appreciate his problem, the United Nations too are beset with an equally ticklish dilemma. UN's responsibility is to bring peace and unification to Korea, and in such a way that the military conflict now in progress shall not be allowed to expand into a global war. For this reason it is necessary to study and seize every opening that may lead to a cessation of hostilities and enable an honourable peace to be achieved. The bombing of Manchurian bases would undoubtedly increase the danger of full Russian intervention, signalling the start of a world war. Any such development would do nothing to resolve the Korea problem, and would defeat the fundamental objectives of the United Nations. More in keeping with the needs of the moment is the decision of the 12 Asian countries at Lake Success to make another effort to find ways and means of bringing the Korea war to an end through negotiation. They should be given every encouragement on the understanding that whatever line of approach they make to Peking, and whatever formula for a cease-fire they may devise, shall be within the meaning and spirit of UN resolutions already agreed upon.

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Hanilal Gandhi Begins Fast

Durban, Apr. 5. Hanilal Gandhi, son of the late Mahatma Gandhi, was beginning tonight a two-week fast in protest against the South African Government's "action against the non-European population of all races."

He will take only water with salt. Apart from fasting, he will live a normal life and entertain visitors, he said. His wife and three children will look after him.

The South African Government's group areas act will set aside separate areas for different racial groups in the Union.

Hanilal Gandhi, 58, and stockily built, came to South Africa at the age of three. His home is at Phoenix, Natal, a settlement founded by his father, a few kilometres from Durban.

Dr. Y. M. Dadoo, President of the South African Indian Congress, today sent a telegram to Mr. Hanilal Gandhi, welcoming his contribution to "the struggle against apartheid."

"Your noble personal undertaking, following in the true traditions of Mahatma, will undoubtedly inspire many to join in the growing mass struggle in resistance against unjust apartheid laws," Dr. Dadoo said. — Reuter.

East Germans Attacking Schuman Plan

Berlin, Apr. 5. The East German Government today called upon the German people to form a "national resistance" movement against the "conspiracy of the Schuman plan."

The Cabinet published a resolution, which charged that "the union of coal and steel industries through the Schuman plan is the realisation of the American plan to create a weapons force in western Europe."

"The union aim at speeding up the rearmament of West Germany and at creating the basis of a new economy for the aggressive ninth of the Atlantic bloc."

"The agreement for the implementation of the Schuman plan is a gross breach of the Potsdam agreement which calls for the creation of a unified democratic and demilitarised Germany." — Reuter.

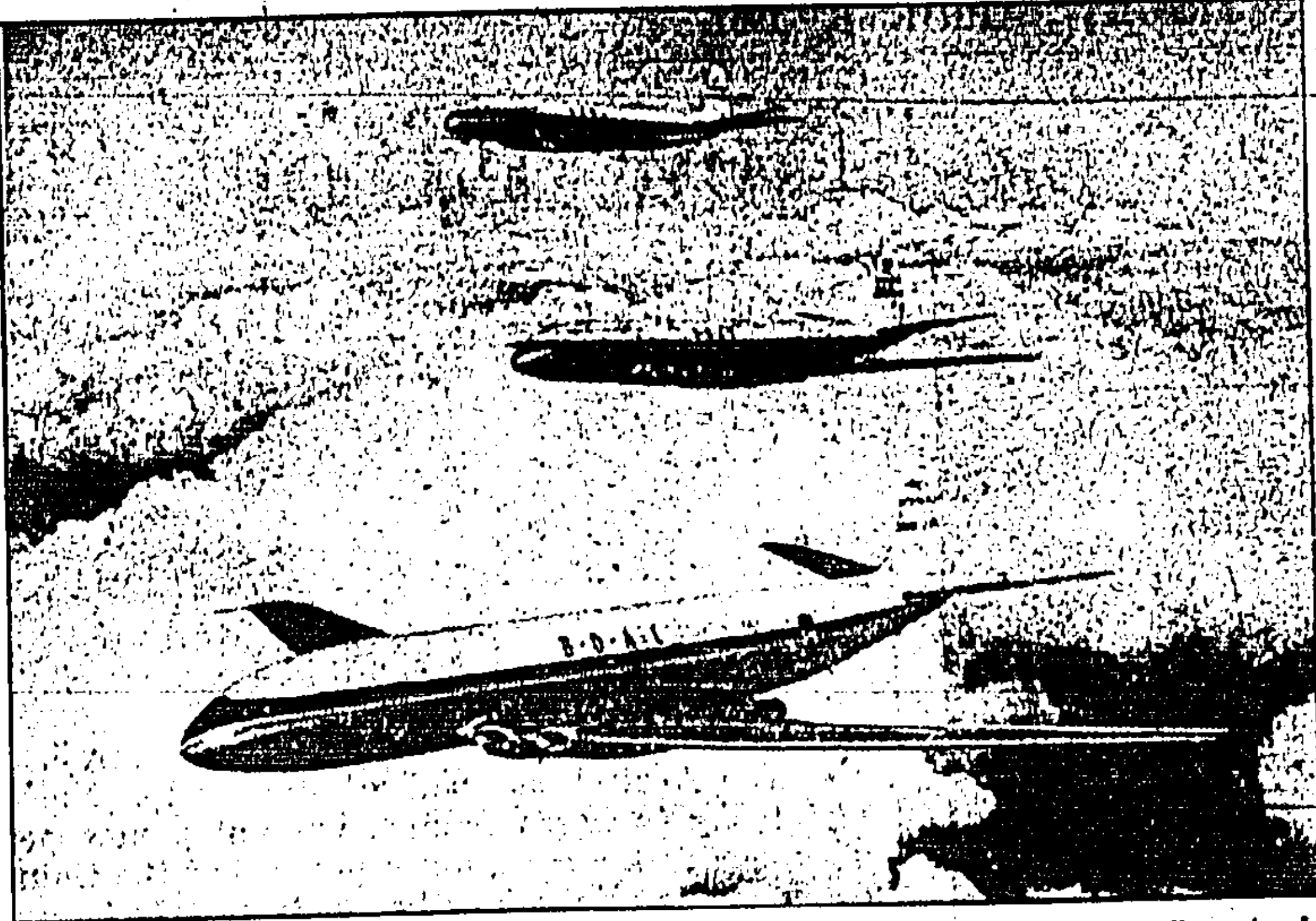
Bomb Explosion Kills Three

Bombay, Apr. 5. Three people were killed and two injured in a bomb explosion in Bombay's industrial district tonight.

Police investigation is incomplete but it is reported that a person carrying a bomb was killed when the bomb exploded accidentally.

The explosion occurred in a textile mill where workers are on strike under Communist leadership. — Associated Press.

Liners of The Air



A new photograph taken at Hatfield, England, showing three Comet airliners flying in close company. They are being built for the BOAC. These three have together accumulated a total of over 640 hours of test. Their introduction into regular service is expected early next year. (Associated Press photo)

Czech Envoys To Big Three Fall Under Purge

Prague, Apr. 5. The Czechoslovak Ambassadors to the United States, France and Britain are not expected to return to their posts according to reports here tonight.

They were recalled several weeks ago for consultations and are still here. All have western connections and backgrounds and were appointed to their posts by the former Foreign Minister, M. Clementis, now under arrest on charges of high treason and espionage.

Defence Resolution Watered

Washington, Apr. 5. The conference of American Foreign Ministers today approved a controversial resolution asking the 21 Republics to set aside troops for the defence of the Americas and possible service with the United Nations. The vote was 20 to 0 with Argentina abstaining.

The vote came in the Military Committee of the conference after two days of debate. It was watered down considerably at the last minute. The original plan sponsored by the United States and five Latin American countries would have specified the American Republics flatly to support any military action the United Nations ordered.

Amendments gave the Latin states wide discretionary powers in their possible actions and this left the way open for any country to say simply that it would not be able to help and then it would not be violating the resolution.

Argentina and Guatemala changed the last-minute changes. The Argentine amendment specified that any action required by the resolution would not prejudice the country's "national defence." Guatemala changed the resolution to help defend the Americas outside Guatemalan territory. Argentina also has announced to does not intend to send troops outside its border. — United Press.

The Guatemalan Foreign Minister immediately told a press conference the Guatemalan armed forces did not have the ability to help defend the Americas outside Guatemalan territory. Argentina also has announced to does not intend to send troops outside its border. — United Press.

Rehabilitation Chief For Korea

Geneva, Apr. 5. Mr. J. Donald Kingsley, 29, British-born, was named as U. N. Agent-General for Korean Reconstruction, a post created by a secret vote of the International Refugee Organisation (I.R.O.) today.

Mr. Kingsley, a former Director-General of I.R.O., and a well-known expert on Korean affairs, will be the I.R.O. agent.

Alarmist Rayburn War Menace Speech Gets Little Backing

NO CONFIRMATION OF NON-CHINESE CONCENTRATION IN MANCHURIA

London, Apr. 5. Reports that non-Chinese forces were concentrating in Manchuria and that General MacArthur had been authorised to bomb Chinese Communist bases in Manchuria could not be confirmed in any capital tonight.

It was suggested from Tokyo in messages released by the censor that the forces might be Mongolian or Japanese. This release came after Mr Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the American House of Representatives, had referred to the groupings and declared "not all of them are Chinese Communists."

Today, at his weekly press conference, President Truman, when questioned about Mr Rayburn's statement, said that Mr Rayburn was "a truthful man" but he declined to be drawn further.

Like President Truman, Eighth Army Headquarters and front-line officers in Korea also declined to say anything on the reports.

The magazine News Week said that permission to bomb was conditional on the Chinese attacking United Nations forces from the air.

Here are reports from Reuter correspondents on the situation.

Today, it was suggested here that Mr Rayburn might have been referring to Mongolians some of whom have already fought in Korea.

Recent front-line despatches, delayed by the censor, reported Mongolian troops to be crossing the River Yalu which divides Manchuria from North Korea.

JAPANESE: New York: A correspondent of the New York Daily News reported that from "intelligence sources" he had learned that Mr Rayburn meant Japanese troops.

The correspondent said that the troops were Japanese captured by the Russians in 1945, "inducted" by the Communists and now amalgamated with the Communist Chinese Manchurian Army.

London: In London military and political observers tonight believed that the "non-Chinese forces" in Manchuria may include substantial air reinforcements from Russia.

The presence of increased numbers of Soviet planes in Manchuria would account for rumours that General MacArthur had been authorised to bomb Chinese bases there if the Communists attack United Nations troops in force from the air.

The observers argue that the assumption that the "non-Chinese" forces include additions to Chinese air power is the most likely explanation of the alarmist tone of yesterday's statement by Mr Sam Rayburn.

He linked the "massing of non-Chinese troops" with the danger of touching off a new world war.

NEW FACTOR: It is clear, the observers say, that a renewed Chinese offensive in Korea supported by air power on a big scale from Manchurian bases would raise in a new and acute form the politico-military decisions to be taken by the United Nations Commander-in-Chief in the field.

Existing United Nations policy, which is directed at doing everything possible to confine the war to Korean territory, is obviously based on a calculated assessment of Communist China's resources, including air forces.

If serious addition to Chinese strength is now based in Manchuria, General Douglas MacArthur's dilemma of trying at the same time to carry out the United Nations policy to limit the war and hit the enemy where it hurts most will become more acute. — Reuter.

Death Of Mormon President

Salt Lake City, Apr. 5. George Albert Smith, slender, grey-haired, President of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Church died here last night on his 81st birthday.

The spiritual leader of more than a million Mormons, Smith had led the Church since May, 1945. — Reuter.

Strings To This Thief's Haul

Chicago, Apr. 5. A thief broke into the automobile of a salesman, Horace Baker, and stole 60 women's suitcases and men's suits valued at \$1,400.

But Baker told the police the thief probably was disappointed. The clothes were made to cover only the front and had only strings in the back. — United Press.

SOVIET DANGLING A NOOSE

Washington, Apr. 5. The State Department claims Russia is trying to get the United States, Britain and France "to place our collective necks in a Soviet noose."

A policy statement broadcast by the Voice of America said the Russian delegate at the Big Four meeting in Paris was trying to destroy in advance any West German defences while resisting efforts to discuss the Communist military forces in Eastern Germany.

The broadcast noted that Russia's insistence on "German demilitarisation" — for West Germany only — was the "most burning issue" confronting Europe today. Actually, the Voice of America said, the only military forces in Germany are the Communist formations set up by the Russians in Eastern Germany.

The broadcast said the Soviet delegate "seeks to destroy before it exists a link in Western defence designed to offset the threat of Soviet Communist aggression." — United Press.

FARMER BLOWS UP HIS HOME

Oslo, Apr. 5. A farmer today blew up his farm-house today with dynamite, killing his wife and a six-year-old daughter.

His mother and other children escaped from the house just before the explosion. The man did not resist when arrested. The authorities had recently thought of committing him to an asylum. — Reuter.

Miners Willing To Work Extra Day

London, Apr. 5. A delegate conference of Britain's 700,000 coal miners voted today to extend for another year an agreement to work an extra day of work on Saturday every week on condition that the months of June, July and August were exempted.

During these three months the miners will work only the normal five day week. — Reuter.

Israelis Bomb Fortifications

Tel Aviv, Apr. 5. The Israel Air Force tonight bombed Syrian fortified positions in a demilitarised zone near the Sea of Galilee. An official Israeli spokesman described the action as "retaliatory" and said that regular soldiers of the Syrian army and armed Arabs were bombed.

The mission was completed successfully, he added. Earlier tonight, Israel had announced that she was protesting to the United Nations Security Council against a "flagrant breach" by Syria of the Syrian-Israeli armistice agreement.

Israel had already demanded a "cease fire" by Syrian troops before continuing the armistice talks. — Reuter.

Collective Guilt Theory Criticised By Dr. Adenauer

Bonn, Apr. 5. Chancellor Konrad Adenauer today told cheering members of the West German Parliament that only an extraordinarily small percentage of German militarists were "really guilty" of war crimes.

They were a few, they "cannot stain the honour of German soldiers," he added, "I demand that the theory of collective guilt be abandoned."

The German government is doing all it can to ease the lot and gain the freedom of all war crimes prisoners, Dr. Adenauer assured prisoners' relatives.

But "to avoid a wrong impression abroad," he added, "I have to state that the war criminals who have violated the laws of humanity and the rules of warfare do not deserve our pity." — Associated Press.

They received a visit from King George and Queen Elizabeth who had long wanted to visit the National Police College, where the conference is being held.

Among those presented were Colonel W. H. Gray (Malaya) and Mr D. W. MacIntosh (Hongkong). In addition to meeting the police commissioners, the King and Queen saw the students-sergeants, inspectors and higher ranks who are doing a course in all aspects of police work. — Reuter.

Leopold Visiting Switzerland

Brussels, Apr. 5. The retired King of the Belgians, Leopold, left Brussels today for Switzerland. He will spend a short holiday with his children, Prince Baudouin, Belgium's 26-year-old chief of state, Princess Charlotte and Prince Albert. — Reuter.

NEW CONFIDENCE TO EUROPE TO GO AHEAD

New York, Apr. 5. A Times editorial today said that final passage by the Senate of the resolution approving sending United States troops to Europe — and the substantial margin by which it was adopted — should "help to erase the more dubious aspects of the long debate."

The resolution was a "solid achievement" compared to the neutrality act of the 1930s, showing that American opinion had swung from "almost unquestioning faith in isolation to a judgment completely contrary."

"We now recognise the security of (certain European) powers so directly involves our own security that we are prepared to draw the first line of our defence across Europe and station along the line six divisions or all that can be spared at the present time."

It said such achievements must not be obscured by the McClellan amendment calling for further Congressional approval before more troops can be sent to Europe. "It is the amendment," it said, "that is the real test of our confidence in the United States' ability to stand with Europe."

NEW CONFIDENCE: It adopted that, together with the McClellan amendment calling for inclusion of Spain and Western Germany in the Atlantic Pact, "it might even do some good if it prods the European nations into even greater efforts both in respect of their own rearmament and inclusion of a German and possibly Spanish contribution to Western defence."

"Even with the amendments, therefore, adoption of the resolution should provide Western Europe with new confidence to go full steam ahead, with defence programmes agreed upon," concluded the Times. "For this resolution notifies Soviet Russia we intend to fight in Western Europe if Western Europe is threatened with aggression. Twice on the eve of the two most calamitous wars in history we notified the potential aggressor that we intended to follow a hands-off policy in the event of aggression. We seek now to prevent a third world war by telling the aggressor that if he goes to war, he will find us in the centre of the fighting." — United Press.

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BRITISH CABINET GIVES FINAL DECISIONS ON EGYPTIAN DEMANDS

London, Apr. 5.

Long delayed by important deliberations, Sir Ralph Stevenson, British Ambassador to Egypt, will leave London by air for Cairo on Saturday, it was announced by the Foreign Office here this evening.

The announcement said that Sir Ralph would be returning to the Egyptian capital on completion of the consultations for which he was summoned to London.

"He will be in a position to communicate to the Egyptian Government the result of the studies which have been undertaken in London since the conversations between Mr Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Salah el Din Bey, last December," the Foreign Office's communique said.

Not Interested In Defence Alliances

Cairo, Apr. 5.

Egypt's Foreign Minister, Mohammed Salah el Din Bey, in an exclusive interview today said Egypt was not seeking to join the Atlantic Pact, the Mediterranean Alliance or any other Western defence system.

The Egyptian Foreign Minister stressed that Egypt would always abide by the provisions of the United Nations Charter and strive impartially to avert World War III.

U.S. Planning To Rotate Units In Korea

Washington, Apr. 5.

The Army Secretary, Frank Pace Jr., announced plans today to rotate Army combat personnel in Korea, starting this month.

The plan would start operating when the first combat veterans sail from Korea about the middle of the month. It would be started on a comparatively small basis and accelerated gradually until it reaches about 20,000 individuals monthly.

He thought this level could be reached early in summer, but added it would depend not only on the arrival of replacements from the United States in Korea, but on the intensity of the fighting.

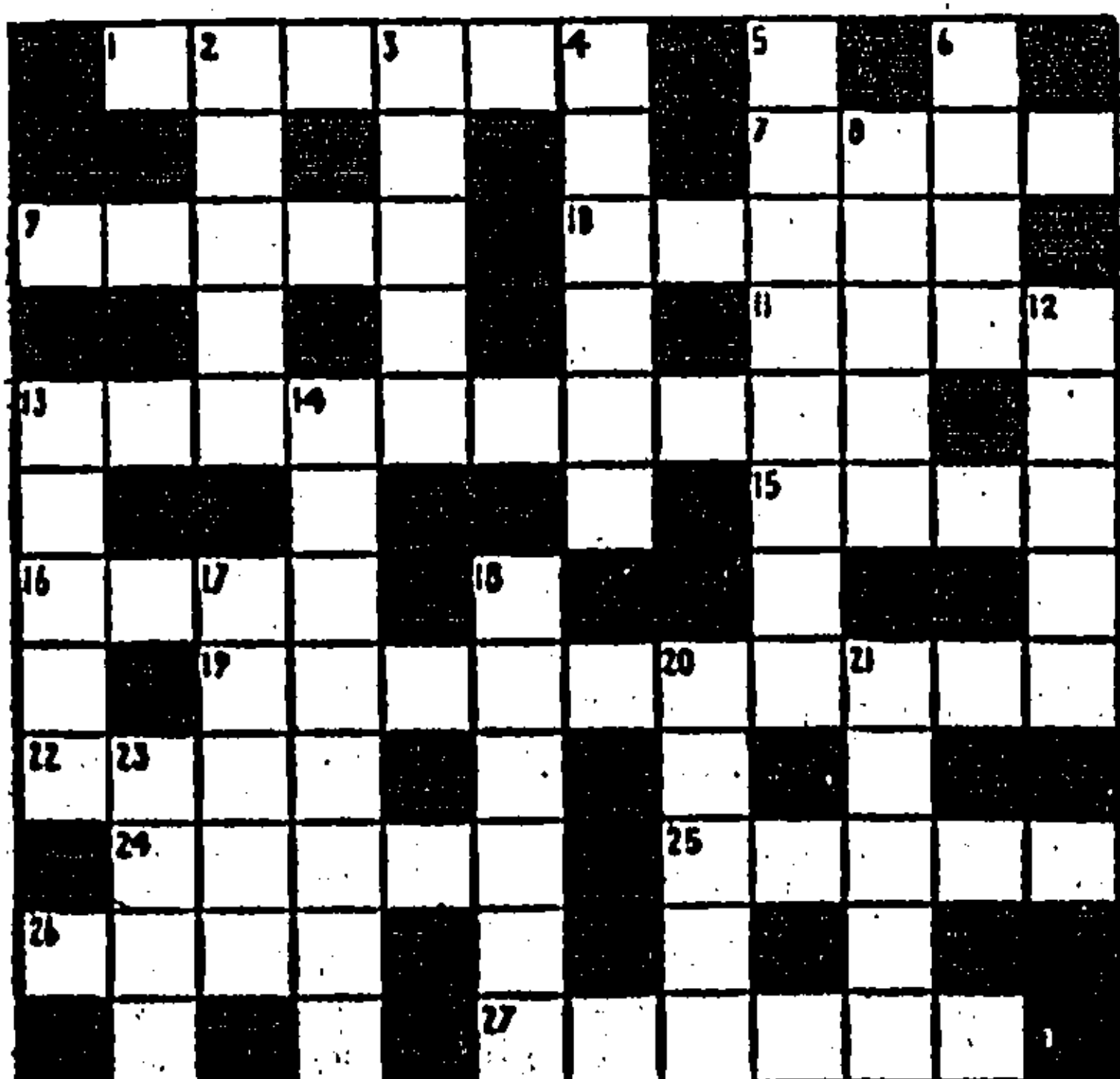
Mr Pace said he planned to return as many individuals as possible directly to the United States in the course of the rotation scheme. However he added later that some men would be assigned temporarily to garrison duty in Japan or elsewhere in the Far East Command before being returned to the United States. — United Press.

Auriol In Ottawa

Ottawa, Apr. 5.

President Vincent Auriol arrived here today at the start of a five days' official visit to Canada. — Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

DOWN

- 1 Delay.
- 7 Head forth.
- 8 Opened.
- 10 Wall to justify.
- 11 Taverns.
- 13 Gratification.
- 16 Region.
- 18 Lean over.
- 19 Trust.
- 21 Display.
- 23 Slipping-block.
- 25 Equal.
- 27 Laid.
- 2 Inched.
- 3 Cancel.
- 4 Conferred knighthood.
- 5 Soft.
- 6 Demeanour.
- 8 Coalworker.
- 12 Post.
- 13 Laid.
- 14 Inconvenient.
- 17 Scratch.
- 18 Worn-out.
- 20 Reinforcement.
- 21 Out of the ordinary.
- 23 Hastened.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1. Antic, 4. Erased, 6. Mashup, 10. Spry, 12. Opphas, 14. Dressed, 17. Sery, 19. Central, 20. Tatties, 22. Hunt, 23. Disrupt, 27. Record, 29. Aways, 30. Kamele, 31. Rector, 32. Event, Down: 1. Ahrast, 2. Tasse, 3. Chios, 5. Ruse, 8. Sooty, 9. Dipped, 11. Pastor, 13. Fridge, 15. Room, 18. Sitter, 19. Reap, 20. Regard, 21. Thado, 24. Sprys, 26. Tunes, 28. Trest, 29. Code.

Fergie Arrives In London



Driver Robert Fergie, who passed through Hong-kong following the quashing of a sentence for shooting a Korean, shown (centre) on his arrival at London Airport. With him are Airport policemen. (Associated Press)

Oddly Mixed Scheme Of Electoral Reform Passed In Paris

Paris, Apr. 5.

The French National Assembly today adopted the proposals for electoral reform by a vote officially announced as 264 to 252.

Communists, Gaullists and several Centre and Right-wing deputies voted against the bill.

Socialists, most Popular Republicans and some Moderates, Radicals and Independents voted for it.

Electoral reform, a bitterly fought issue in French politics, about the downfall of the last Cabinet led by Mr. M. Rene Flevin.

The fall of the present Government, under Mr. Henri Queuille, less than a month old, was being forecast today "within the week" over the same issue despite the expected narrow majority for the bill.

Before becoming law the bill has to go to the Senate which is expected to change it radically.

The Assembly will then have to re-vote it on the second reading in its present form.

A COMPROMISE

The Electoral Reform Bill is a compromise between the existing system of proportional representation and a system of giving the seat to the candidate who obtains a majority of the votes.

The bill is designed to keep a large number of Communist deputies out of the next Parliament, but its architects do not expect a big falling off in the votes cast for the Communist Party. They expect, however, the new majority system to reduce by half the existing 177 Communist or near-Communist deputies.

There is a great deal of criticism of the proposed system. The Gaullists have described it as "trickery" and a directed against themselves as much as against the Communists.

A MIXED BAG

The new system will not apply to the greater Paris region or to most of the overseas territories. The 75 Paris deputies and certain deputies for overseas areas will continue to be elected under the system of proportional representation. The bill does not explain why proportional representation is good for Paris and bad for the rest of the country.

The remaining 400 metropolitan deputies and the 30 deputies for Algeria will be elected under the new system. Chief characteristics of the new voting system are as follows:

(1) In any given constituency each party must present a list of candidates for the number of seats to be elected.

(2) Any list obtaining 50 per cent of the votes gets all the seats.

(3) If no list gets this number the seats are allocated as at present in proportion to the number of votes gained by each list.

ALLIANCES

(4) Parties may form alliances for the purpose of jointly obtaining the required 50 per cent of the votes and where a group of allied lists succeeds in doing so the seats are allocated between them in proportion to the votes each list obtained.

MacA In Favour Of Second Front?

Washington, Apr. 5.

Republican leader Joseph W. Martin told the House today that General Douglas MacArthur favours using Chinese Nationalist troops in the fighting against Chinese Communists, to open a second front in Asia.

Debating a bill to extend the draft law and create the machinery for universal military training, Mr. Martin said he had requested General MacArthur's views on the use of Nationalist troops now on the island of Formosa.

General MacArthur, he said, wrote on March 20 endorsing the demand that the troops of Chiang Kai-shek be used against the Chinese Reds.

The text of the letter was: "Dear Congressman Martin: 'I am most grateful for your note.'"

"My views and recommendations with respect to the situation created by Red China's entry into war against us in Korea have been submitted to Washington in most complete detail. Generally these views are well known and clearly understood, as they follow the conventional pattern of meeting force with maximum counter force as we have never failed to do in the past. Your view with respect to the utilization of the Chinese forces of Formosa is in conflict with neither logic nor this tradition."

"It seems strangely difficult for some to realize that here in Asia is where the Communist conspirators have elected to make their play for global conquest, and that we have joined the issue thus raised on the battlefield: that here we fight Europe's war with arms while the diplomats there still fight it with words: that if we lose the war to Communism in Asia, the fall of Europe is inevitable, win if Europe most probably would avoid war and yet preserve freedom. As you point out, we must win. There is no substitute for victory."

"With renewed thanks and expressions of most cordial regard, I am, faithfully yours, Douglas MacArthur." — Associated Press.

These "alliances" are formed for a given constituency. Alliances do not, therefore, have to be the same in all constituencies. For example, the Socialists could ally themselves with the Catholic Popular Republicans in one constituency and ally themselves with the anti-clerical Radicals against the Popular Republicans in another constituency.

(5) The bill provides for partial elections in case of death or retirement of a deputy. Under the present system the next man in the list of the deceased or retiring deputy automatically took his place in the Assembly. — Reuter.

CEYLON "NAVY" TAKING OVER

Colombo, Apr. 5.

The newly formed Ceylon Navy which consists of one minesweeper, is to take control of the Royal Navy's East Indies base of Trincomalee in the east coast of the island.

No date has yet been announced for the transfer. The Ceylon Navy is at the moment commanded by Captain W. E. Banks of the Royal Navy, who has been "lent" as a naval advice.

Arrangements are being made to transfer small Royal Navy craft to Ceylon. — Reuter.

BIG LIFT IN GOLD RESERVE

London, Apr. 5.

Britain and the Sterling Area have bigger gold and dollar reserves than ever.

Mr. Hugh Gaittelli, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons today that these reserves had increased by \$450,000,000 in the first quarter of 1951.

The total amount held was now \$3,758,000,000 — compared with \$3,300,000,000 at the end of 1950. — Reuter.

IMPORTANT TALKS BEGIN

Tehran, Apr. 5.

The British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd, called on Premier Hussein Ala today. Informed sources believed they discussed the proposed nationalisation of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and the recent British Note deploring the nationalisation move. — United Press.

Drug Addicts Among Chicago Teen-Agers

Chicago, Apr. 5.

Juvenile authorities express concern over the growth of the narcotics habit among teen-agers, particularly in poorer neighbourhoods.

Meanwhile, narcotics officers have stepped up a drive to wipe out a Chicago ring believed to be the source of supply for other midwestern cities, including St. Louis, Detroit and Milwaukee.

Authorities said that more than 100 juvenile court cases in 1950 involved the use of narcotics, compared with none the year before.

They said the drug traffic here follows the same pattern disclosed recently in New York, Detroit and elsewhere. Peddlers get youngsters started on the habit by giving them "sample" marijuana cigarettes.

Later, the teen-agers are forced to buy the weed at increasingly high prices, and eventually graduate to heroin and cocaine.

Much of the illicit drug traffic here is centred in the sprawling Negro neighbourhood on the South Side, authorities said. But not all addicts are residents of the tenements.

In a recent raid on one South Side "dope" shop, police picked up Harry Winfield, 28, a son of a wealthy and prominent person who lives on Chicago's fashionable Lake Shore Drive.

Four men and two women were seized with Winfield, and in a simultaneous South Side raid nine men and 11 women were arrested. Police said the two girls smashed a major narcotics ring.

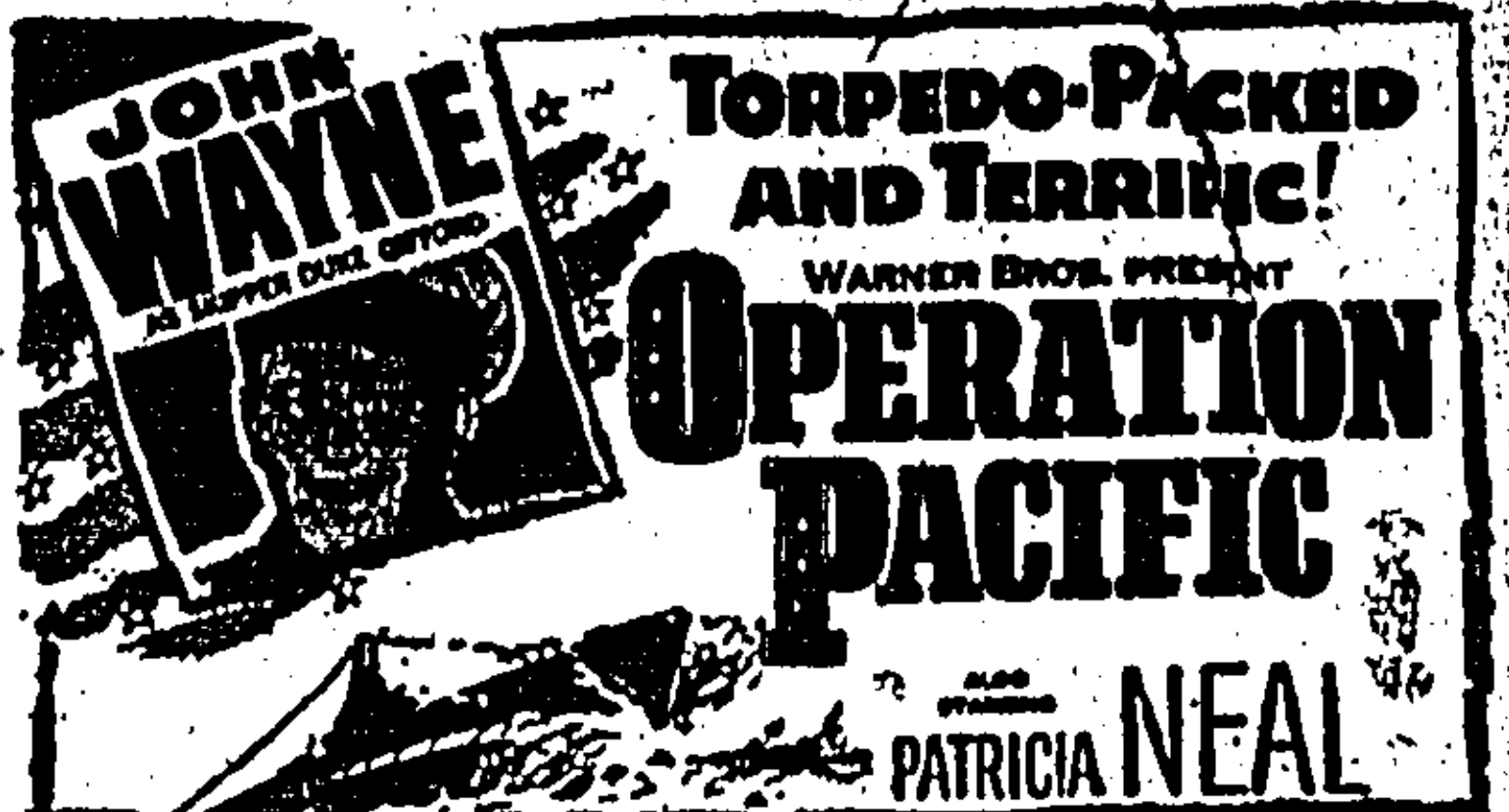
SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLDS They were staged on the basis of information gleaned from a 16-year-old girl who was believed to be acting as a go-between for addicts and peddlers.

Another arrest, police picked up Amos Jones, 20, an ex-convict identified by Federal Agents as the city's biggest peddler, handling 80 per cent of the South Side narcotics traffic. "Officers said Jones was a 'big time operator' but that he also stood on street corners and gave away samples to school children."

In still another arrest, a 16-year-old boy was charged with selling heroin to teen-agers.

United Press.

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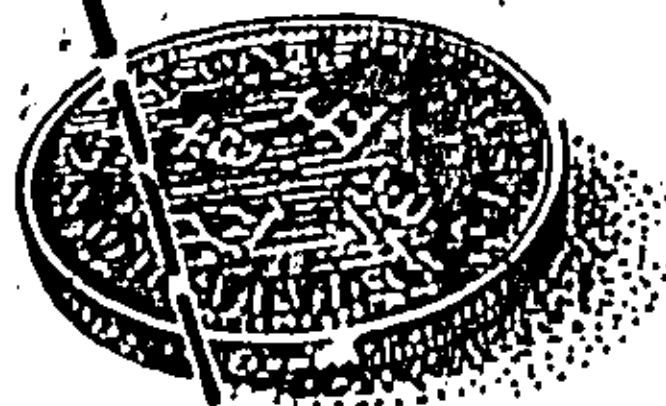
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Experiments in the air—from a £1 trick to £9,000,000 snowball THE GIANT PRINCESS MAY NEVER FLY

By Air Reporter PAUL RICHY

THE British Government is thinking of scrapping the giant Princess flying-boat—a £9,000,000 aircraft-building experiment which has snow-balled in cost to be second only to the £12,000,000 Bristol Brabazon land monster.

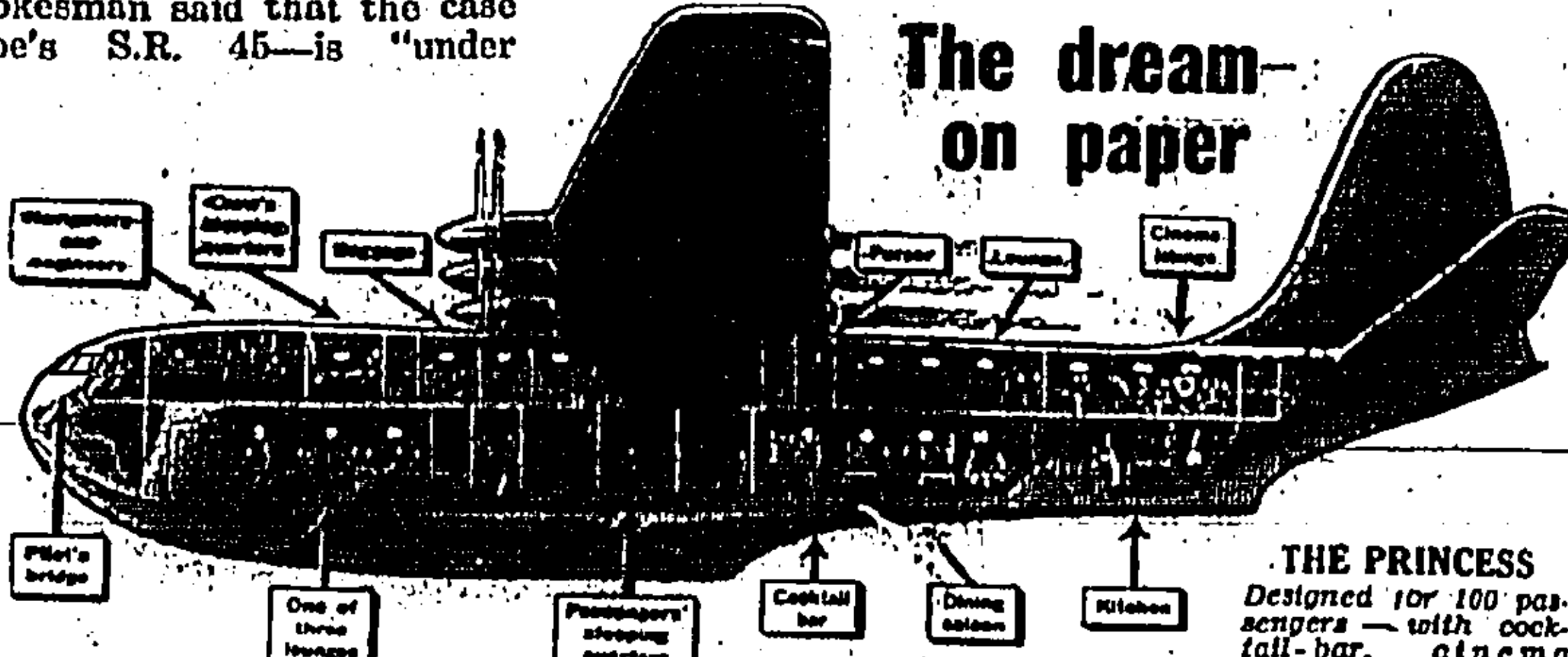
A Ministry of Supply spokesman said that the case of the Princess—Saunders-Roe's S.R. 45—is "under active consideration."

The Princess—shorter but heavier than the Brabazon, which is being abandoned as a commercial aircraft—was designed to have a wing-span of 220 ft., to weigh 140 tons, and to carry 100 passengers across the Atlantic at 360 miles an hour.

Three were ordered by the Ministry of Supply for British Overseas Airways Corporation in 1946. Estimated cost was £2,800,000. Delivery date: 1951.

A year later the cost rose to £4,500,000—without engines.

Development of the original engines had stopped and work started on new ones. And this was said to have cut the Princess's range so that it could not cross the Atlantic.



The dream on paper

At that time BOAC advised the Ministry of Civil Aviation to cancel the whole project.

But Air Vice-Marshal Donald Bennett, chief of British South American Airways, offered to take the aircraft over if seven were built and the Ministry paid for any operating losses.

So work went on. But in 1948 the Princess be-

came BOAC's worry again because it absorbed BSAA. And early last year estimated costs rose to £9,000,000 and delivery date was put back to 1953.

One plane is now more than half finished, the second is started, but there is nothing to show for the third.

Although the cost to BOAC has been pegged at £2,100,000—£700,000

per aircraft—many senior executives are worried that the Government is pushing an untried, uneconomical, and comparatively slow aircraft on to them.

And the future of flying-boats is doubtful. All big world airlines have abandoned them. Most designers think they are not as good as land planes.

(London Express Service)

MORRISON'S MUDLARK

by SIDNEY RODIN



TODAY

THE sea of mud which has added nearly a million pounds to the bill for the Festival Gardens at Battersea is at last conquered.

Once it flowed over 15 acres, covering half the site.

It bogged down the dispirited army of 1,700 workmen for months. Not a building could be finished.

And it almost drowned Mr Morrison's hopes that Britain's city of fantasy and fun would arise.

But now only two acres of mud remain. Road tankers were kept going day and night defying the rain and sucking up lakes of sludge.

Whole streets of blitzed London houses were hurled into the morass as five-foot deep rubble.

Photo finish

Overtime rates and repeated bonuses which have shot up the workmen's wages to an average of £10 for a seven-day week speeded the attack.

It has continued over Easter so that all roads and paths may be finished in time.

For only four weeks remain before the opening on May 8, and still not one building is ready.

Festival chiefs say it will be a photo finish—given reasonable weather.

more night gangs, trade union agreements to work longer overtime, and a good response by the men for a final sustained spurt that may net them up to £20 a week.

Yet it is still depressing to tour the site as I did in gum boots.

They have been floundering there since March last year, but the general impression persists of forests of scaffolding, thousands of unopened drums of paint, disconnected pipes, endless festoons of coiled-up wire leading nowhere—and tea-drinking Irish labourers.

'65 committee'

In the centre is a hut occupied by the committee of 65 shop stewards. Among them are those who have ordered the petty strikes and restricted the amount of overtime.

It was the shop stewards who invited a party of Soviet women over the site and presented them with a bouquet.

But Mr Morrison can take heart. Hundreds more people have prefabricated his dreamland in thousands of sections away from the mud. Skeleton frames can be clad overnight to form gay towers and pinnacles and palaces.

Out of his mudlark that has rocketed in cost from the original £770,000 (estimated loss £100,000) to £3,500,000 (estimated loss only one-fifth) amusement given reasonable weather, £1,500,000 will come six park.

months of pleasure for Londoners.

Not far away they have inserted the last stitches in the biggest tent in the world—the rust and canary yellow 60ft. high "lampshade" to go atop of the open-air dance floor.

Sideways

The 37,000 tulips are planted, and sparrows already nesting in the ornamental trees.

A hundred of Britain's most expert showmen are standing by with their 130 sideshows and rides, two imported on special licence from America, one from Germany.

Every novelty is at hand, even a flying saucer, to delight the fun-seeker—every novelty, that is, except a Fat Lady.

Big Berta from Switzerland, who weighs 42st. 6lb., offered to come over, but Festival Gardens Ltd. said "No. She wouldn't last on our rations."

In Arcadia

Taxpayers may get some of their money back at the candy-striped booths—all the prizes must be of "good design" and "no copper watches passed off as gold timepieces."

But the gardens will be as good as lost if the weather is not good.

mainly an Arcadian paradise that perhaps Mr Morrison wants to perpetuate in real life.

Listen to Mr James Gardner, the head designer, interpreting the dream as it takes shape around him:—

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'Nell Gwynns'

"One of the beer gardens will be nostalgically Edwardian. There are avenues of shops shaped like an old tea caddy."

"There will be wandering minstrels, Nell Gwynns selling oranges, pretty girls in period dress crying 'Old Lavender.'"

"And at night the place will glow with the finest coloured illuminations ever seen in this country."

P.S. All this fun, weather permitting.

(London Express Service)

COLD AIR IS WAGES GUIDE IN OIL TOWN

By KENNETH MACAULAY

AS the plane drives through a sky almost bleached of its blue there is a glint far away of silver.

In a few moments the glint spreads out and becomes a shimmering city. The traveller is arriving at Abadan.

Every part of the great oil refinery, with its farms of enormous steel storage tanks, is painted in glistening, unstained aluminium to throw off the sun's heat.

Here on this flat mud island created from the prehistoric silt of the Tigris and the Euphrates is the oil capital of the world.

The soil is Persian, but every stick and stone there, every nut, bolt, and pipe, is the property of the British-owned Anglo-Iranian Oil Company.

Two thousand Europeans and their families live in this town of wide asphalted roads, good houses or bungalow flats with every amenity that the paternalism of the oil company can provide.

For the oil company is Abadan. Almost every soul here, Persian or European, is in the company's service.

Life bearable

THE management has spent some of its millions trying to make life bearable for the people it has recruited to supply, refine, sell, and ship oil and its products from this blistered place.

Outside Abadan there is nothing, nowhere to go, nothing to see.

From the guard on the refinery gate who makes sure that the visitor gives up his matches or lighter to the top executive, chief engineer or chemist, every man-jack finds that every facet of his life becomes inevitably the concern of the company and in some degree under its control.

His house is company-owned. Only the company could get grass to grow on his lawns and afford to keep it watered for 24 hours a day in the hot weather.

All laid on

ABADAN is the only place in Persia where one dare drink the water that comes out of the tap. It is company's water.

Laid on, like the water, are the house servants and a laundry service, shops,

swimming pools, libraries, schools, and a farm, all company-owned and run.

Who imports the English beer and cigarettes for the community's social centre, the Gymkhana Club? The company.

Who keeps the prices from soaring to 10s. a bottle or 7s. 6d. a packet? The oil company.

They built the town's two cinemas, outdoor for summer and indoor for winter, and import the films for them. There is a daily newspaper (run by the company).

Air-cooled

SOCIAL distinctions there are, of course, but they are out of this world of Mayfair and Suburbia.

It is not a matter of high-powered, flashy American cars, for the company owns almost all the cars in Abadan, large and small, maintains them and supplies petrol and chauffeurs, too. Anyone can have a car (they are British) at almost any time by ringing up the transport pool.

There is never any occasion for mink and diamond tiaras, and the company would not stand for the snobbery of private swimming pools.

So in a town where everyone has servants and a nanny, if necessary, the only social distinction left is air-conditioning. The oil man's wife who can boast she gets so many tons of air-cooled to such a temperature every 24 hours has got somewhere in Abadan's social hierarchy.

Lesser folk have to put up with fewer tons of conditioned air—a cooled living room and bedroom perhaps.

The lowest stratum of social life—the "first contract man" who is almost invariably single and serving his first term with the company—has to do the best he can with an electric fan in a bungalow flat.

Coveted

TIGHT, compact and organised is the community of Abadan, where the penalty for moral or gross professional delinquency is a ticket on the first plane back to the United Kingdom.

This is the city the Persians covet as much as the oil that flows silently into it from the wells 130 miles away.

Men have given a lifetime to making the mud flats of the oil capital habitable.

And no finer example of the British organising genius is to be found anywhere in the world.

The Communists who organised the appearance of their manifesto in every letter box in Abadan a few months ago are waiting for their chance.

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"Rapier" Looks Over Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley

The Fourth Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be a two-day affair, the first day tomorrow and the second on Saturday, April 14.

The first Sadding Bell will be rung at 1.30 pm. each day with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

The programme for either day originally consisted of 10 events, but tomorrow an extra race will be added. Owing to the large number of entries in the "Mount Nicholson Handicap," the Stewards decided to have the race split in three sections instead of two. The third section will be race No. 11, scheduled to be run at 7 p.m. There will be no Cash Sweep on this section.

The principal race tomorrow is the Chater Cup, a handicap for Australian Ponies of 1951, winners only.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Mount Nicholson Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

The meeting opens with a race for Novice Jockeys on Australian Ponies. Class 9. Judging on past performances, Stirling Castle (Mr. Chun Kit), which is a speedy animal, should prove the best over this short distance.

Flying Wheel (Mr. Yen Ching Lin) appears capable of extending Stirling Castle, but even with 154 lbs to carry, Blister Sweet (Mr. Tseng) should have something to say about the finish.

Gypsy (Mr. Robert Tsui) and Peacock (Mr. Chuang) are not to be neglected and Small Dragon with Mr. H. H. Chan up is to be considered as it is essentially a sprinter.

SECOND RACE
Mount Davis Handicap (First Section): From the Two Mile Post.

The first lot of Australian Ponies Class 5 will try conclusions here. The Tigers (Mr. Renfrew), which ran fourth in the Appleton Handicap (Second Section) on the first day of the Easter meeting, has the best recommendation for a win here.

I expect it to receive stiff opposition from United Victory (Mr. Chun Kit) winner of the Matakook Handicap (Second Section) on the second day of the last meeting.

The Stranger (Mr. Miu) and Ringwood (Mr. F. Nooit) are second in their respective races at the last meeting, should be watching as they are in fine condition and I expect them to be fighting out the finish.

Humane (Mr. Aichie), although unplaced the last time out, is another candidate capable of extending the field.

THIRD RACE
Talmeshan Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to Australian Ponies of 1951 whether they have started or not. Ponies that have won \$1,000 or more in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs.

In looking over the entries I think the race should be decided between Harvest Field (Mr. Holgate), Lake Success (Mr. Kwok), Ringway (Mr. F. Nooit), and Fillbuster II (Mr. Tao).

Harvest Field, which will be making its first appearance, completed the six furlongs in 1.31.4—that quarter 28.4 seconds—last Saturday morning and under the capable handling of Mr. Holgate I think it has the best recommendation for a win.

Lake Success, ridden by Mr. Chen Poo last time out on unplaced. As it will be taken out by Mr. K. Kwok tomorrow, it should receive considerable attention as it is good enough to extend the above party.

Ringway and Fillbuster II are two ponies that are coming on nicely in their morning gallops and may cause an upset.

FOURTH RACE
Mount Nicholson Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

In this race the following should be prominent at the finish: Atomic Power (Mr. T. Wong), Debutante (Mr. F. Nooit), Top Hat (Mr. Ostrouff), and Soukumpo (Mr. Shu).

Atomic Power, which came in third in the Tai Hang Handicap (First Section) at the last meeting, probably starts favourite, and certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

Debutante is also in this race if it does not keep too far behind, as it was third in the above race (Second Section).

Soukumpo has been improving during morning gallops and judging from its last run, when it won the Appleton Handicap (First Section) for Class 1, it is likely to cause an upset.

Top Hat was unplaced in the Tai Hang Handicap (Second Section) with Mr. Boycott up on the first day of the Easter Meeting and with a change of jockey in Mr. Ostrouff tomorrow afternoon a upset each way may prove profitable.

FIFTH RACE
Mount Nicholson Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to Class 9 Australian Ponies. Ironside (Mr. Ostrouff) will have an opportunity to score a win after its performance in the Shamshuppo Handicap (First Section) over one and a quarter miles on the first day of the Easter Meeting when it was second to Debutante.

Ding How (Mr. C. F. Ng) and The Kam Lung (Mr. H. C. Woo) should fight out the third place.

SIXTH RACE
Castle Peak Handicap: One Mile.

This race will be contested by Australian Ponies Class 1B. I expect the winner to come from Bambi (Mr. Pih), Apollo (Mr. Shieh), World Dagger (Mr. Maitland), High Peace (Mr. Boycott), and Lucky Starter (Mr. Renfrew).

In the Easter Handicap at the last meeting over the Champion distance, Bambi, with Mr. Pih up, carrying 159 lbs, came in third after leading most of the way. As tomorrow's event is shorter by 440 yards, I think Bambi should just about win.

There is, of course, Arabian Dagger to be reckoned with. This pony ran unplaced in the above race and as it is also quite good over this distance, I expect to see it fairly near at the finish.

World Peace and Highlight have shown good form and I am sure they will give the two above-mentioned ponies a good fight to the end.

In Lucky Starter we have a pony which is quite capable of upsetting calculations.

SEVENTH RACE
Talmeshan Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

In this race I do not think we need look further than the following for the eventual winner: Bankfoot (Mr. Maitland), Fire-glo (Mr. T. L. Wong), Norseman (Mr. F. Nooit), and Prince Dahlia (Mr. Renfrew).

Bankfoot has done well in training. It was clocked over this distance in 1.27.2—that quarter 28.1—and, judging from that performance it should have difficulty in winning this race.

It may, however, meet with stern opposition from Fire-glo which ran first in the Talmeshan Stakes (Third Section) at the last meeting, but was later disqualified for boring in the straight.

Norseman and Prince Dahlia, judging from their performances during morning gallops, are not to be overlooked as ponies likely to upset Bankfoot.

EIGHTH RACE
Chater Cup: From 2 Mile Post.

Australian Ponies of 1951 will battle out the finish in this race and, eliminating the "duds," I think the winner will be found among London 17 (Mr. Hsu), Squadron Leader (Mr. Kwok), Gold Medal (Mr. Chun Kit), The Lioness (Mr. Renfrew), and Dynamic View (Mr. Pih).

After its brilliant win in the Pearce Memorial Cup, London 17 should be strongly supported, but there is Squadron Leader, winner of the Chinese Club Cup, to remember.

These two ponies have not as yet met, but over this distance should receive considerable attention as it is good enough to extend the above party.

Gold Medal did well to win the Lai Chi Kok Handicap at the last meeting, but it is doubtful whether it will be in at the finish at all.

The Lioness won the Leighton Hill Stakes 1.1.1.5 at the Annual Race Meeting. I think the distance will suit her and a win here is quite possible.

Dynamic View won the Mongkok Handicap at the Easter Meeting, but I do not think it is in the same class as the other ponies mentioned.

NINTH RACE
Mount Davis Handicap (Second Section): From Two Mile Post.

Among the entries for this race, which is confined to Australian Ponies Class 5, I like the chances of Empress of Peace (Mr. Robert Tsui), Sparkling Eyes (Mr. Shieh), Battle-roya (Mr. Holgate), and Rowangien (Mr. Ostrouff).

Empress of Peace won the Appleton Handicap (Second Section) over the mile at the last meeting, carrying 130 lbs. On that performance it has been penalized by 11 lbs but I don't think this will hinder its chances of scoring another win.

Sparkling Eyes is a pony that is constantly improving and at the last meeting it came third in the above race ridden by Mr. Holgate.

If Mr. Shieh succeeds in getting Sparkling Eyes in front on the rise of the barrier it should have a good chance of avenging its last defeat in the hands of the above pony.

Battle-roya, which was unplaced with Mr. Dana up, this same race is capable of extending the above two ponies tomorrow with Mr. Holgate up.

Rowangien will again be ridden by Mr. Ostrouff. I think this combination is worth \$100 each way.

TENTH RACE
Mount Nicholson Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

Looking over the entries, the best pony here for this distance in view of its second placing behind Forward View in the Tai Hang Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting. However, I am of the opinion that it should just about win tomorrow afternoon.

There is, of course, Lucky Strike (Mr. Chuang), to be reckoned with. This pony came in fourth in the above race. Although it failed to gain a place at the last meeting, I expect to see it fairly near at the finish on account of its weight of 135 lbs. less 3 lbs. for a Novice Jockey.

Aan Hing (Mr. T. L. Wong) and Xerxes (Mr. Holgate), have shown good form in morning gallops and should give a good account of themselves against the above mentioned ponies.

11TH RACE
Mount Nicholson Handicap (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

This is the final event of the day, in which Third Section Class 9 Australian Ponies will settle the argument.

Big Bluff (Mr. Kwok) has been knocking at the door of success for a long time and I think its chances of winning here are rather bright provided Mr. Kwok can get it off to a good start.

Argus II (Mr. Mui) is the next pony to be considered, although it failed to gain a place at its last outing.

Midnight Express (Mr. Tao), is a fast mover and can be depended upon to make a fight of it.

Jockey (Mr. Chuang) is another likely winner, as this pony is fast over this distance. Gangway will gain by being in charge of Mr. Shu and this combination should not be ignored.

Fencing Finals Tomorrow

The finals of the Colony Open Fencing Championships, organised by the recently formed Hongkong Amateur Fencing Association, will take place at the St. Teresa's Parish Hall, Kowloon Tong, starting at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

The final of the Epee weapon will be held first, followed by that of the Foil at 6 p.m., and finally the Sabre at 9 p.m. Admissions will be \$2.40 for civilians and \$1.20 for servicemen on the presentation of their identity cards.

Following were the results of the semi-finals of Foil and Sabre held at Chinese YMCA yesterday:

Foil 1—L. T. Tseung vs. G. O. O. 2—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 3—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 4—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 5—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 6—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 7—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 8—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 9—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 10—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 11—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 12—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 13—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 14—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 15—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 16—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 17—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 18—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 19—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 20—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 21—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 22—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 23—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 24—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 25—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 26—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 27—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 28—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 29—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 30—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 31—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 32—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 33—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 34—L. T. Tseung vs. L. K. K. 35—L. T. 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S. A. Bump,
Secretary.

THE NEW SHAMEEN

According to a Chinese press report, the Communist authorities in Canton have turned the former British concession of Shamien into a Government administration area. All the Government offices which were formerly distributed over the city had been moved to Shamien.

Among newcomers to that secluded spot are a number of Soviet advisers to the Communist Government. Shamien which was the most sanitary and best kept site in Canton before the war was returned to China by Britain after the Japanese surrender. When the Nationalist Government was in control of the Kwangtung province, many high-ranking officials were quartered there.

CHARGED WITH MURDER

Yuen So, 27, and Lau Wah, 22, both arrested, who were charged by Police for the murder of Dr. Feng Hing-yau, alias Arthur Fung, on March 5 were remanded for three days by Mr. Winter at Kowloon this morning upon the application of Insp. Summers.

SHEER ENCHANTMENT FOR MOMENTS

As precious as gold. Our latest air-delivered beautiful dress and suit collections direct from top New York houses have arrived here April 3rd featuring a group of eye-catching, heart-stopping, new-look afternoon frocks, dinner and dancing gowns of enchanting designs on sheer nylons and chiffons in tones of lilac, pistachio, peacock, turquoise, and chrysanthemum, white, etc. sizes 9 to 15 and 10 to 20—rose, lime, dramatically different and impossible to be copied domestically. Lovely sheer gabbardine suits in navy, beige, plum, and white. A complete dazzling world of bridal-gowns and ensembles—absolutely the most beautiful collection in the whole of South Asia. Seeing in believing. Absolutely a million beautiful collection of "GAGE SPRING AND SUMMER MILLINERY" featuring the most unusual in better straw hats including a world of gay flower toques for cocktail and garden party wear. It's 100% true nowhere else in town. You see for yourself such a dazzling world of "LAST HOUR MASTER-PIECES" in dresses, suits, coats, shoes, purses, millinery as you do at Mode Elite, whose merchandising skill is the talk of the whole of South Asia. ... the first womenwear house in Hongkong has succeeded during March 1951 to bring here by air three huge shipments of beautiful clothes and accessories direct from top New York Houses for the latest fashion requirements of gentlemen in Hongkong and South Asia. Now the first air shipment by Northwest in April is arrived. Is not that a miracle by Mode Elite's merchandising? Come in—see what he has brought for "YOU WHO ARE REALLY FASHION-MINDED."

AS BEAUTIFUL AS A SPRING BRIDE

Nowhere else in town can you see for yourself such an up-to-date array of most beautiful bridal gowns, party gowns, casual dresses, bold ensembles, etc. as you do at Mode Elite. Over hundreds of individual masterpieces by top New York designers are ready for your choice from now on. It's true nowhere else in town can you find such a "MAGNIFICENT NEW COLLECTION OF LAST-MINUTE STYLED ORIGINALS"—you're enabled to wear the same last hour beautiful clothes as your lucky American sisters do right now in New York City—you need not wear any longer any clothes delayed by ocean transit for two or three months nor any clothes made to order from fashion journals because such clothes never give correct style lines. Yet Mode Elite's styled New York models are all prices within your budget. Come—see them. Contact us today for your expert guidance in correct choice and quantity purchases—all sizes stocked—each one different.

DRAMATIC NEW SILHOUETTES

for spring toppers —

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Chinese Reds Cross Indo-China Border Says Taipeh Report

Taipeh, Formosa, Apr. 5.
A high ranking Nationalist officer said today that 15,000 Communist Chinese militiamen had crossed the border into Indo-China but had not yet gone into action against the French troops there.

The officer said the militia unit from Western Kwangsi province has been trained by the regular Chinese Red Army but is not part of it.

The dispatch of the militia, known as the Tsoukang column, is another indication, the source said, that the Chinese Communists have no intention of slackening their aid to the Vietnamese Communist rebels in Indo-China.

The source said there are also 2,000 non-commissioned men from the regular Chinese Red Army in the field with Vietnam. He said other material evidences of aid include an outright gift of 300 trucks with drivers and service crews. He said the Chinese Reds set

up a naval training base at Fulin in Hainan, where with Russian directors waterborne units of Vietnam are being trained.

The source said the overall director of the Chinese-Vietnam co-ordination is the Red General Hsing Ying, one of the oldest members of the Chinese Communist party. He said the headquarters of the group, of which the Russians are actual rulers, is located in Nanning in Kwangsi province. — United Press.

Russian Activity In Manchuria

Nationalist China Levels Charges

Taipeh, Apr. 5.
Nationalist China on Thursday night charged that the Soviet Union had been pouring combat troops and planes into Manchuria since the outbreak of the Korean war.

Lieutenant-General Chang Yi-tung, the Ministry of Defence spokesman, announced: "Soviet Russia has been steadily reinforcing Soviet troops in Manchuria with a considerable number of foot soldiers and planes."

General Chang refused to estimate the exact number. He added: "Nationalist China is not overly concerned by the presence of Soviet ground forces in Manchuria since the Chinese Reds still have considerable reserves themselves."

He said the Nationalists were watching the increasing number of Soviet fighters and bombers with interest.

On Wednesday highly-placed Nationalist officers reported the existence of an international Communist air force operating against the United Nations forces in Korea under the joint command of Soviet, Chinese Reds and North Koreans. These officers said the Soviets promised to supply the air force with 3,000 planes but failed so far to make good their promise.

The latest authoritative information put the number of Chinese Red troops in Korea and Manchuria at 950,000, mostly troops of Lin Biao's Fourth Field Army. Some Chinese forces there also consisted of part of Chen Yi's Third Field Army.

Taipeh sources also said Peking ordered six armies of 200,000 men, recently under Liu Po-chen in South-west China, to move into Manchuria for eventual participation in the Korean fighting. Three of the six armies are already in Manchuria, according to Nationalist sources, while one is in Hankow, in Central China, and two remain in Szechwan awaiting transportation. — United Press.

Sir Arthur Morse Honoured



At the Club Lusitano yesterday evening, Sir Arthur Morse was invested by the Portuguese Consul-General with the insignia of Knight Commander of the Order of Benemerencia, the order having been conferred on him by the Government of Portugal. This picture shows Sir Arthur addressing the gathering after receiving the insignia. — Staff Photographer.

SHOP FOKI ATTACKS HIS WIFE

A 27-year-old shop foki, Yau Shui, alias Tsang Tai-shui, who stayed with his wife and her foster mother at the Chiu Shui Ma Tau village, Shaokwam, disliked the idea of staying with his mother-in-law, and had frequent disagreements with his wife over this.

One December 22 last year, when Yau came home from work that evening, he had occasion to argue the matter over with his wife. The argument became hot, and he went to the kitchen, picked up a chopper, struck his wife with it, and then disappeared out of the house.

The police were notified and Yau was arrested on February 21.

Pleading guilty to wounding his wife, Yau was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for causing grievous bodily harm before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning. Yau claimed—he had had a few drinks at the time having celebrated the Winter Solstice festival with his colleagues.

The complainant, who was injured in the head and was kept in hospital for three and a half weeks, was asked by the Magistrate if she thought her husband should go to jail for his act. She retorted: "Certainly. For life."

She added that she would try to take separation proceedings against the defendant after his release. The latter yesterday expressed his sorrow for what had happened.

Yau was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and bound over in the sum of \$2,000 for two years, to take effect after his release.

Det-Sub-Inspector H. M. Dey prosecuted.

Soldier Assaulted

A British soldier, Pte W. P. Mitchell, of the 27th Field Regt., stationed at Lyemmu Barracks, was sent to Kowloon Hospital in the early hours of this morning, suffering from some head and face injuries.

According to a Police report, Mitchell appeared to have been assaulted by some persons unknown. Mitchell was picked up in the vicinity of Cameron Road and Hart Avenue about 12.30 a.m.

Six Appeals Fail

Six men, convicted of robbery with aggravation, failed in their appeals this morning before the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe and Mr Justice Gould against severity of sentence.

Lau Chuen was sentenced to eight years and 12 strokes by Mr Justice Scholes on February 22 for an armed robbery in the Kowloon Tong public garden on the night of November 9. After the alarm had been raised a constable was shot while searching a suspect. Shortly after the accused was arrested in the vicinity with wounds on his chest.

Lau told the Appeal Court that no arms were found on him. He also pleaded that in view of injuries received as the result of Police beatings he was unable to stand further caging.

Dismissing the appeal, the Chief Justice told the appellant that he should consult the prison doctor and if he was found unfit for caging he would not be caged.

REQUEST LENIENCY

Sentenced to ten years and 12 strokes each by Mr Justice Scholes in the February Session for robbery with aggravation, Shum Fai, alias Ng Chai, and Ng So, in their appeal today both asked for leniency on the ground that they had aged parents and families to support.

Another couple who asked for reduction of sentence this morning were Chung Ping, sentenced by Mr Justice Scholes to a total of nine years and 12 strokes for robbery with aggravation and possession of arms, and Lau Leung, sentenced to eight years and 12 strokes for robbery with aggravation.

The two men were involved in a robbery of a tailor shop in Shatin last November and were convicted on March 14.

They also pleaded that they had aged parents and families dependent upon them. The sixth man to have his appeal dismissed was Wo Wal, sentenced to seven years and 12 strokes by Mr Justice Scholes for robbery with aggravation. He asked for a shorter term because he had a wife and children to support.

WHERE DO WE GO NOW? ASK OUR TROOPS IN KOREA

(From Cyril Aynsley)

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

Soldiers who are fighting in the Korean war want a definite proposition from politicians one way or other.

They hear Britain speaking through the tongues of Mr Morrison and Mr Shinwell, India through the tongue of Pandit Nehru, America through the tongues of various Senators. And they also hear General MacArthur. To the soldiers the tongues are out of tune.

While it is important to realise these varying lines of talks do not please the fighting men it would be foolish to exaggerate their effect on the 8th Army morale. Soldiers fighting in Korea are no worse soldiers simply because they are puzzled by politicians. They are trained men and will fight whatever the doubtful target. And at the moment they are confident in their own field.

But the question daily crops up: "What are we fighting for?" In this instance the men are questioning more an objective than a reason. They have been told why they are fighting. They know that. But not, they want to know, where they are going.

An American officer told me, "If we could tell them the target was Pyongyang or the Yalu or even Peking, they would cheerfully fight for any of them if they knew that when they got there that would be the end of it. But to tell them they are fighting aggression in Korea is mighty tough if that is all you have to tell them."

Most of the thinking officers appreciate the difficulties of a politician's decision. Even so, they become exasperated at times.

A British major said to me last night, "What are these pin-brained, pin-gripped politicians doing? It is obvious they have lost control of events and events have taken control of them."

This might have been a partisan outburst because he followed it up with a plea for the return of Churchill to deal with the matter. But still these outbursts of impatience are becoming more frequent now that the Parallel has been reached with the military prepared and the politicians apparently unprepared.

The effect of the politicians' shilly-shallying is fortunately lessened by the fact that most of the men know they will not be here indefinitely. The British Brigade is to be re-placed. Reservists and National Servicemen in the 28th Brigade have been assured they will return home at the end of their service. Americans have a rotation scheme for replacements.

STARTLING INTELLIGENCE

So there is the answer to the soldiers' universal cry, "When are we going home?"

In the meantime they have been faced with the startling MacArthur intelligence that they face 63 enemy divisions. Feeling among the Korean veterans is that may be or may not be. There have been various cries of "Wolf" in the past. The fighting men never get quite used to them. There is always a natural feeling of apprehension about these cries and about what may really be ahead.

Two reasons have been given by soldiers for this latest intelligence. "If we beat them it has been a great victory. If they force us back it is because we just did not have the men."

But of course, the immediate and urgent question is "Where do we go from the Parallel?" General Ridgway has to decide how and if he is to continue his battle. Since he has assumed command of the field he has fought a campaign which has pleased all soldiers under his command. He has kept his line balanced. He has brought great fire power to bear on the enemy from well-judged positions. He has sent his men to the hill tops, to command the enemy. He has inflicted heavy casualties.

But what now? While General Ridgway is working out his future military plans, Mr. Shinwell says there must be full consultation before the United Nations troops cross the Parallel. It is true to say that such a situation makes it difficult for a field commander to make any plans. But if General Ridgway is to maintain the initiative which he has presently and prudently built up, it is essential that he knows where he is going—and soon. Each day now is deeply significant. — London Express Service.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 6

By Air
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa & Europe, 9 p.m.; B.O.A.C. 9 p.m.; Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, 6 p.m.; B.O.A.C. 5 p.m.; Q.E.A. 5 p.m.; Philippines, Guam, U.S.A., Canada, 5 p.m.; P.A.L. 5 p.m.; 9 p.m. H.K. Airways. Formosa 9 p.m. By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.; ss Yu Men/Tak 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.; ss China, People's Republic, 5.30 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.; train via Canton. Philippines, Indo-China, Ceylon, 10 a.m.; ss Star Alcyone. SUNDAY, APRIL 7
By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m.; via C.A.T. Japan, Korea, 5 p.m.; B.O.A.C. 5 p.m.; By Surface
Macao, 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.; ss Yu Men/Tak 8 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.; ss China, People's Republic, 5.30 a.m.; 4.30 p.m.; train via Canton. Ceylon, Malaya, India, Pakistan, 10 a.m.; ss Star Alcyone. Malaya, Indonesia, 2 p.m.; ss Tiltwang. South Africa, 3 p.m.; ss Straat Boenda. Ceylon, Arabia, Middle East & France, 5 p.m.; ss Patroclus.

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Same Offence Fourth Time

As a result of a Police raid last night on 283 Des Voeux Road Central, second floor, led by Inspector T. Hensley, OC Central Police Station, Cheng Kin-wah, 53, unemployed of Shanghai, appeared before Mr. Lathier at Central this morning charged with keeping an unlicensed massage establishment. Pleading guilty, the defendant who had three previous convictions of a similar nature, was fined \$250.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. 6.00. Programme Summary: 6.02. Children's Story: "Trit-A-Trit" by E. Lucia Turnbull (BBC7S); 6.30. Cantonese by Radio given by Miss Lee Wai-yan (S. S. Lee Studio); 6.50. Organ Solo; 7.00. Music; 7.05. Currier; 7.10. Light Orchestra; 7.20. "Merrill England" by Sir Edward German (Adridged Version); 7.30. World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15. Music Night At The Elms; 8.30. Music; 8.45. "In The March" with Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch (BBC7S); 9.00. "From the Editor's London Report"; 9.10. Weather Report; 9.11. "Mambo Love" Hour; Classical Request presented by Curtis Hindon (Studio); 10.10. Hole Porter Favorites; 10.30. "The New Center Programme by Ned Marz (BBC7S); 11.00. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15. Goodnight Music; 11.20. Weather Report; 11.30. God Save The King; 11.30. Close Down.

INTELLIGENCE TEST
The following are the answers to the test: 1. A young girl. 2. Hercules Poirot. 3. In the French National Assembly in 1789 when the extremists changed to take seats on the left side of the hall. 4. Bogota. 5. Manuel Luis Quezon. 6. Yes.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I'll help you, Mom!" after I answer these letters from boys in the service—we have to be patriotic!

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